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Hostel manager:

Punches may have preceded car-train collision

By MICHAEL DANIELS
The manager of the Bethel Hostel said an occupant (since evicted) of the lodging admitted to him punching a Raymond man last week, not long before the man's car was hit nearby by a freight train.

'So [a hostel guest] said he hit [Libby] a couple of times in the head. At that point things get vague. ... But then the guy gets hit by a train.'

WYLING CAMBRIUM
Manager, Bethel Hostel

The collision took place shortly before 3 a.m. Friday near the Barker Road crossing.

But the car was not hit at the crossing as is usually the case in car-train collisions.

Instead, it was rear-ended by the locomotive 200 feet west of the crossing, where it had been parked on the tracks.

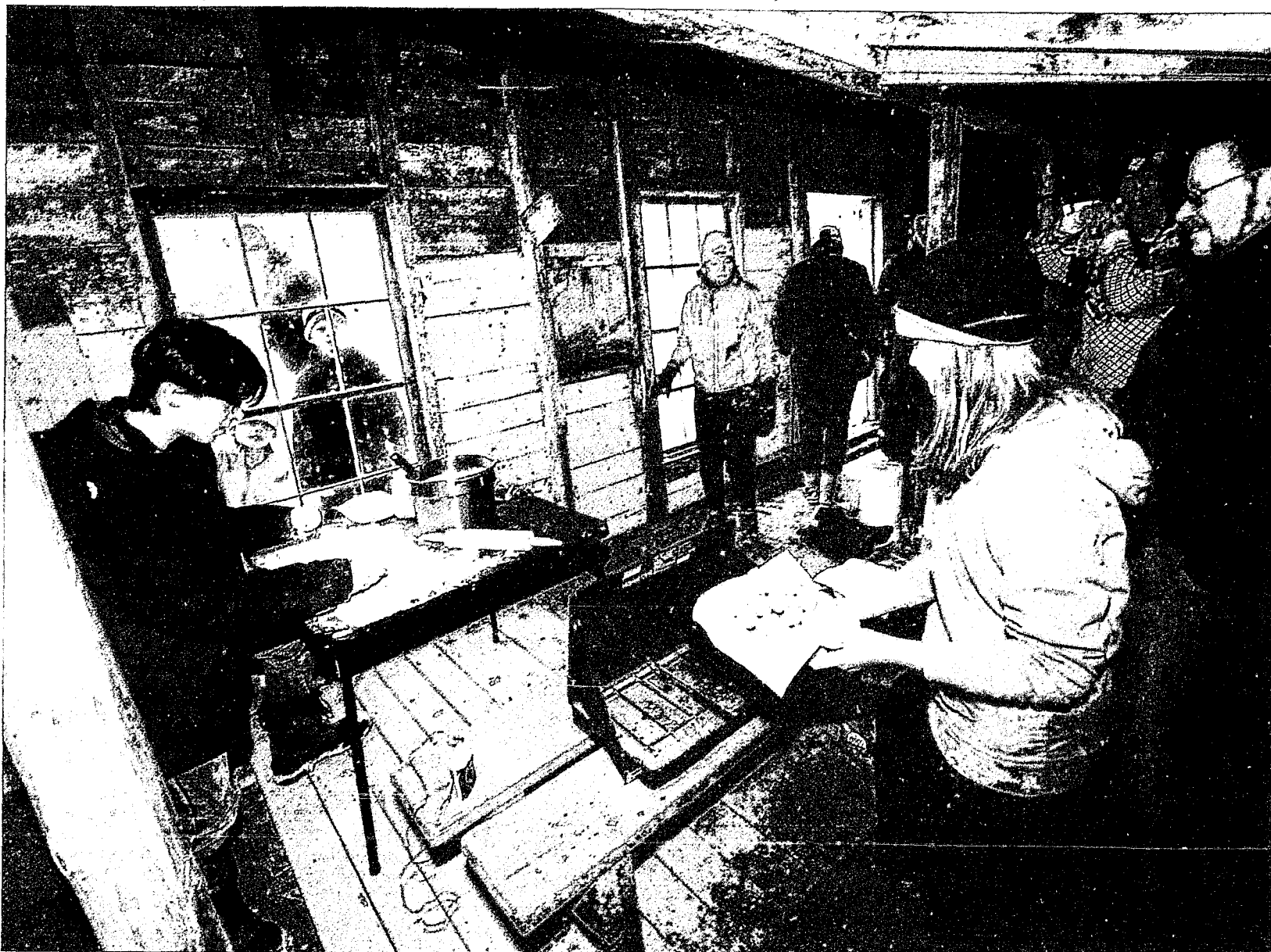
The approaching train crew had spotted the car and applied emergency braking procedure, but the train continued for 850 feet, pushing the car ahead of it, before coming to a halt.

Damage to the car, however, was minimal.

"You wouldn't suspect it had been hit by a train," said Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey. "It

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If you can't take the cold, come into the kitchen



Simon and Annalise Smith, under Dad Jonathan's watchful eye, cook up the donut holes at Saturday's Joy of Skiing event at the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center. Outside, Mom Liz presided over the cocoa and donut distribution. Judy Lovejoy of Rumford and her dedicated crew of volunteer cooks and servers received \$950 in donations for the American Lung Association. Other food-station offerings included muffins, nut breads and juice in the Colony subdivision, Sunday River Brewing Company soup at the Covered Bridge, served by Frank and Jane Vogt, s'mores at the firepit with campfire masters Eric Souther and Eric Boyle-Wight and crackers and cheese to end the day on the XC Ski Shop deck. Approximately 100 skiers, ages 7 months to 75 years participated.

Photo: M. Daniels

Town Meeting Season begins

Newry to vote on \$170K for bridge replacement

By ALISON ALOISIO
What to do with the hand-ful of Newry residents on the dead-end Branch Road while a proposed two-week project to rebuild the Eames Bridge is underway?

Build them a temporary bridge for \$50,000?

Put them up in a hotel?

It's a question selectmen have been wrestling with as part of the \$922,722 budget voters will consider at Monday's annual Town Meeting.

The budget total represents

funds to be raised through taxes, but does not include the town's school and county shares.

The figure is approximately \$6,000 less than the total expended by the town in 2008.

Bridge and road work

The 42-article warrant includes a proposed rebuild for the 59-year-old Eames Bridge, at a cost of \$170,000.

The money would come from the Capital Improvement Account.

The bridge is one of three

on the Branch Road that the Maine Department of Transportation said needs fixing.

Selectmen will present options for reconstruction, including a pre-fabricated span.

But another question facing the town is how to handle traffic on the road during the approximately two weeks it would take to rebuild the bridge.

The board received an estimate of \$50,000 to build a temporary bridge, which is included in the total proposed for the project.

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Objections put off any vote on hillsides, ridgelines

By ALISON ALOISIO

After listening to more concerns about proposed ordinance changes that would restrict ridgeline and hillside development, Newry selectmen said last week they will not hurry to bring the issue to a town vote.

At a public hearing in late January, representatives from Sunday River Ski Resort objected to changes to a part of the Unified Development Review Ordinance that would restrict hillside subdivision development.

Hillside homes, according to the pro-

posal, would have to be built to blend in with the hillside. The wording, Sunday River said, was too vague.

Other proposed new wording would largely prohibit ridgeline development (along hilltops), with only a few exceptions.

Last week, selectmen met with Bob Chadbourne of Chadbourne Tree Farms in Bethel. Chadbourne owns property in Newry.

He did not attend the January hearing, saying he did not become aware of it until afterward.

He expressed concern about the notification process and timeline regarding the proposed ordinance changes, as well as about the changes themselves.

He acknowledged that as a Bethel resident, he does not have a vote in Newry. But, said Chadbourne, "I do feel I'm a stakeholder," and added he believed other non-resident property owners feel the same.

Selectmen said they had heard from several other property owners who also

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Rebel girls ski to third straight Alpine title

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's a three-peat for Rebel junior Sam Largess and the Tipton High School girls' Alpine ski team.

For the third year in a row, Largess won the individual giant slalom and slalom races at the Class C State Alpine Ski Championships, held last week at Sunday River.

In doing so, she added her team to its third straight state Alpine championship.

Last Thursday, the Rebels skied through a blizzard to first place in the slalom.

Largess was followed by teammates T.J. Connors (sixth), Paige LePasquier (seventh) and Morgan LePasquier (eighth) in the slalom. In the giant slalom, Largess took first, with LePasquier second and Connors third.

On Friday, Connors and LePasquier took first and sixth, respectively, in the giant slalom.

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World Cup snowboarding at skiway through Sunday

By TERRY KARKOS, Sun Wire
Snowboarders from all over may want to turn their attention to Sunday River this week as 300 of the top ranked riders on the planet arrive for the Visa U.S. Snowboarding World Cup.

Backed by Maine's own Olympic gold medalist, Farmington native Seth Wescott, the competition set for Thursday through Saturday are expected to draw 10,000 spectators.

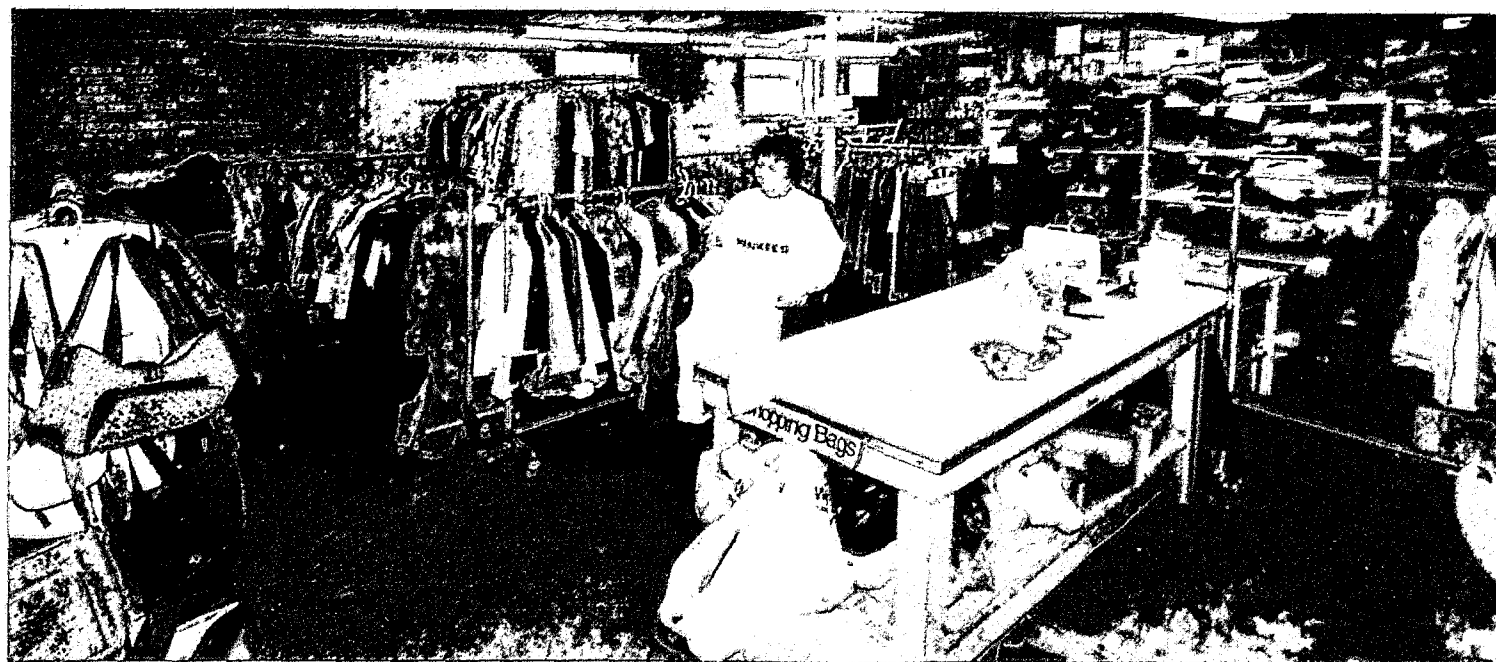
"I think Seth Wescott will pull in a lot of people," said Darcy Liberty, spokeswoman for Sunday River and Sugarloaf. Wescott won a gold medal for snowboardcross at the 2006 Olympics. In Europe last

December, Wescott won the first World Cup gold medal in snowboardcross. He is now the Olympic gold medalist in snowboardcross. The 12 races of the World Cup will be the only U.S. snowboarding events this season.

Races include parallel giant slalom, slalom, super slalom, and team snowboardcross. The 12 races of the World Cup will be the only U.S. snowboarding events this season.

In addition to Wescott, the races will feature a host of Olympic and World Cup medalists, three-time X Games champion, New England snowboarder, and World Cup

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FILENE'S BASEMENT ... WHO NEEDS IT? Bethel's own District Exchange Clothing Shop and Food Pantry, located in the basement of the former Ethel Bisbee School on Philbrook Street, have been doing a brisk business during this winter's tough economy. Here volunteers (from left) Nancy Bellinger, Kathy Westleigh and Deb Wilde keep the shelves stocked and tidy. The exchange still welcomes donations of winter clothing in clean, wearable condition. A special request is made for bedding, sheets, blankets and towels in good condition. "We like to keep some on hand for emergencies, and people have been asking for it as well," said volunteer Cathy Newell. Resale of the clothing for modest prices at the shop helps finance the food pantry. Canned goods and pasta donations are also welcome at the pantry, as are cash contributions. A box for food donations is located at the Bethel Foodliner, and cash donations for food may be made to Lloyd Sweetser at Northeast Bank, payable to the District Exchange. Some of the food is purchased from the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Anyone wishing to request food may call 824-6692 or 824-0369. Photo: M. Daniels

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ven in 33rd to best second-place Freeport.
For more championship results, see Page 9.

TMS boys are champs

The Telstar Middle School boys' alpine and cross-country teams combined to win the overall Class A State Championship. For results, see Page 9.

Briefly

SAD44 asks to stay independent

BETHEL—SAD44 attorneys have sent a letter to the Department of Education requesting the district be granted "donut-hole" status under the school consolidation law, allowing the school system to stand independently, according to Supt. Dave Murphy. In a Jan. 27 referendum, SAD44 voters approved a merger with SAU37 (Rangeley), but SAD37 rejected it. Donut-hole status may be granted to a district with fewer than 1,000 students if it is considered geographically isolated, Murphy said. Other school systems bordering SAD44 have already consolidated. He said the Kittery school system had been granted donut-hole status, and he told the SAD44 School Board at its Feb. 9 meeting that the move could be considered a precedent. Subsequent discussions with SAD44 attorneys led to a similar conclusion, Murphy said, so a letter was sent asking the Commissioner of Education to consider the designation. SAD44 has approximately 900 students. The School Board did not vote on the request, said Murphy, but he said he felt the board supported the action from the discussion at the last meeting. He has also discussed the issue with board subcommittees since then. The letter also requests SAD44 be spared a financial penalty of \$186,000 for the failure to merge with SAU37. Under current law, both systems are subject to the penalty. The Legislature may change the law, Murphy said, but he wanted to take measures to protect the district in the event the law change does not take place.

Hearing in Andover

ANDOVER—A public hearing will take place March 10 at the Town Hall at 6 p.m. regarding a Personnel Policy Ordinance and a Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Harlem Rockets here next week

BETHEL— On March 3 at 7 p.m., the Harlem Rockets will take on the SAD44 Dream Team in the Telstar Gymnasium. All proceeds will go to the Class of 2010 as they raise funds to put on this year's prom. Advance tickets are \$8 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults. At the door tickets are \$10 and \$12. Call 824-2136 ext. 107 for advance tickets.

Art exhibit/sale extended

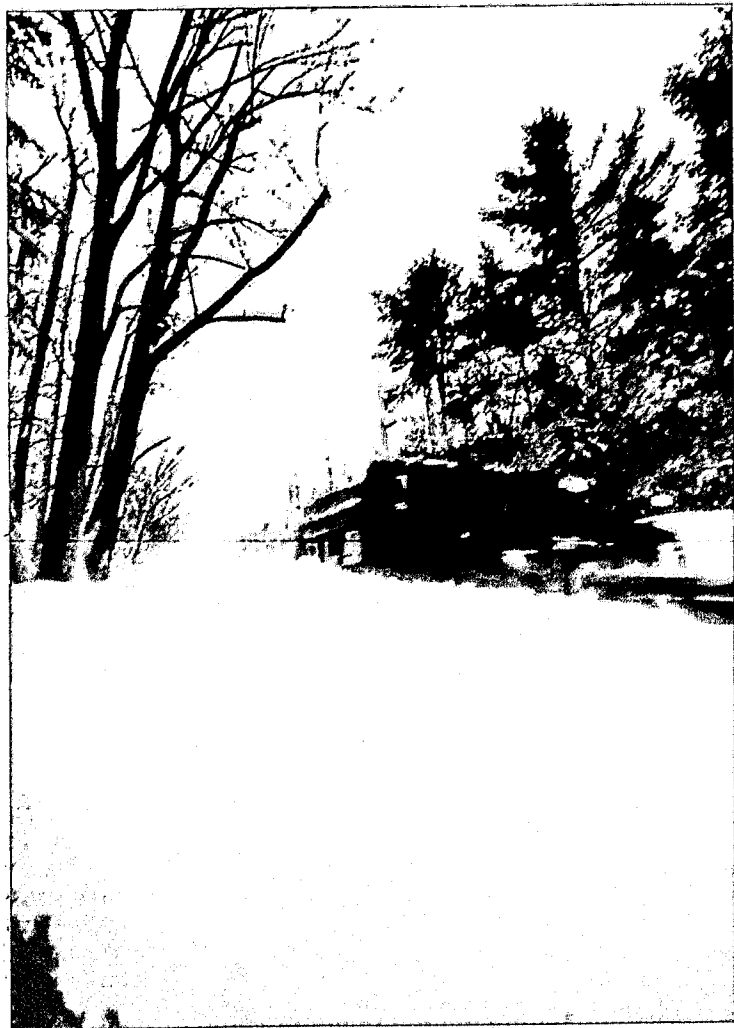
NEWRY— "Landscapes for Landsake," an art exhibit and sale to benefit the Mahoosuc Land Trust, has been extended through March 1, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., daily, at the Sunday River Real Estate Office, located at South Ridge Lodge. The event is sponsored by Sunday River Real Estate. Visit www.sunday-river.com/Events/Main/ArtExhibit_SRRE.html for a preview of the artists and their works.

Heating oil prices drop

AUGUSTA—Even as gas prices edge upward, the average cash price for heating oil dropped nine cents a gallon over the past week in Maine. In its latest statewide survey, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security said Tuesday the average cash price dropped for a fifth consecutive week and now stands at \$2.20 a gallon. Actual prices ranged from a low of \$1.68 to a high of \$2.45. The agency's director, John Kerry, says the global petroleum market "is sitting at five-year lows as world economic woes continue to hold down demand for petroleum products." Gasoline prices, however, have crept upward. AAA says the average unleaded price in Maine has grown from \$1.91 a month ago to \$2 on Monday.

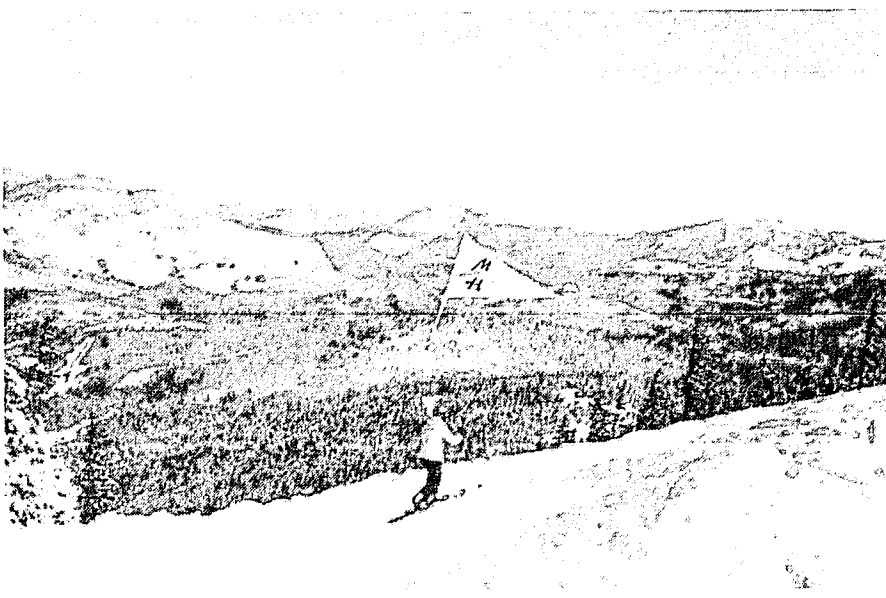
Moose Lottery permit apps online

AUGUSTA—The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife now is accepting Moose Lottery Permit Applications online at www.mefishwildlife.com. This year, as a result of a need to reduce spending, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will no longer be printing and mailing paper applications for the Moose Lottery. "Everyone is encouraged to help the Department in its efforts to save money by applying for the 2009 Moose Lottery by using the online application process," said Commissioner Roland "Danny" Martin. "The online application process is quick and easy. Plus, applicants will get an instant confirmation of their entry into the lottery." Because of the conversion to an online application process, IF&W is extending the deadline for applications by six weeks. This year's online moose lottery application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on May 15.



FIRST TRACKS—A Greenwood plow truck makes its first pass early Monday morning on the Sheepskin Bog Road. The heavy, wet snow weighed down trees and power lines and left some 140,000 CMP customers without power. By Wednesday at noon, that number had been reduced to 17,600. (Photo: M. Daniels)

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Topic:
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Notice of Workshop
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STATE POLICE PULL OUT—Investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division of the Maine State Police left the Bethel Hostel Sunday afternoon, after spending two days looking into events that preceded the nearby collision early Friday morning of a St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad freight train and a compact passenger car that had been parked on the railroad tracks. No charges have been filed in the matter, and the autopsy report on the man found dead in the car following the crash, Scott Libby, 25, of Raymond has not been released. *(Photo: M. Daniels)*

The hostel is licensed for up to 18 guests, manager Wyling

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Wednesday, Feb. 25

At 1:40 a.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to a vehicle off the road on Route 2. The vehicle, with New Hampshire registration, was impounded.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

At 6:57 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to Route 2 for a report of a vehicle driving erratically, with a flat tire. The vehicle eventually pulled over and was towed.

Sunday, Feb. 22

At 3:19 a.m. on the Parkway Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Daniel C. Dunn, 18, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., for operating without a license.

Saturday, Feb. 21

At 12:30 p.m. Lt. S.R. White received a report that a subject had had her identity stolen from a credit card. A further investigation was being conducted.

(Time not available) Lt. S.R. White received a report that a large mirror had been stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

At 5:24 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Main Street for a property-damage accident.

Friday, Feb. 20

At 9:19 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a two-vehicle property-damage crash on Main Street.

At 12:02 p.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a two-vehicle property-damage crash on Mill Hill.

At 6:30 p.m. Lt. S.R. White provided information to a complainant regarding dealing with a threat that occurred in Newry.

At 11:58 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to Railroad St. for a reported fight. On arrival several subjects had left. Another had sustained cuts on the face, but refused attention from Rescue. No one provided information regarding who was responsible for the assault.

Thursday, Feb. 19

At 5:46 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 232 for a civil dispute. All parties were cooperative.

At 8:15 p.m. Officer George Gould issued no trespassing notices to three subjects.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

The first thing of the month is to say "rabbit."

Jackie Van Leuven has sold her house on Chapman Street and has moved to a rent in Gilead on the North Road.

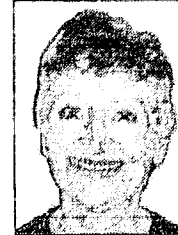
The Sophomore Class at Gould Academy was very busy on Monday this week. Many were busy shoveling and snow blowing driveways and helping to clear paths. We had two feet of snow overnight as well as power outage. A group served senior citizens a delicious lunch at Gould Academy's Ordway Dining Hall along with a program of music, chorus, soloist and instrumental.

A caller visits my house frequently. In the early days I was his teacher. We became very good friends. He's fond of music, especially Jewel Clark and Don Katlin. His grandfather was an accomplished violinist and played with Lord's Orchestra. The guys at the Fire Department are his best friends. He's accomplished many activities in town affairs, such as mixing concrete in projects as handy man. You might see him out early on his morning walk. A good friend of our Town Manager is Stuart Cross.

The old neighborhood friends got together at the passing of a great friend, Arlene Greenleaf Brown, on Saturday. At one time there were many families with children on Chapman and Mason streets — Eames: Lorraine, Bonnie, Bill and Sam; Kenistons: Martha, Becky, Rachel, David, Peter; Yorks: Barry, Raymond, Betty Lou and Julie; Packards: Richard, Jodi.

Mark; Browns: Julia and Vivian; Benson: Andy; Lords: Donald, Dwight and Janice; MacKay: Susan, Sandra, Mary and Blaine; Brown: Kurt and Dana — Times have changed but friends last forever.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Monday morning was a groaner here at the Hoehstead. We looked

out the window and saw huge quantities of blowing, drifting snow and groaned and moaned at the prospect of removing same. Measurement was difficult because of the drifting, but we're guessing it amounted to somewhere between 15 and 18 inches. Some folks lost power for several hours, but we did not.

Between snowblower and shovel it took the better part of the morning to move it around, but we had it cleared in time to get to Gould Academy's Ordway Hall for the senior citizen luncheon put on by the sophomore class as part of the Four Points program at Gould. We sat at a table with MaryJane and Dave Shiverick and their neighbors, Fran and Charlie Richmond. Lively conversation ensued over bowls of delicious seafood chowder, followed by a variety of sandwiches, fruit salad, and broccoli salad, accompanied by Gould's famous homemade potato chips.

Our excellent waitress was Samantha Southam, and others of her classmates were serving attendance on the other tables of hardy souls. Bethel seniors are too tough to let a little snow stop them from enjoying a good meal. We were entertained by both students and faculty members with vo-

cal and instrumental music. Gwyneth Bohr spoke for all of us when she stood and thanked everyone responsible for our lovely repast and the accompanying entertainment.

Last Monday I had no sooner sent in my column than I looked out the back window and saw our friends the turkeys back again. There was a flock of one big, plump, glossy Tom and 12 equally beautiful Tillies. They came back several times that day and throughout the week. Still no other birds of note except the woodpeckers, chickadees, and hordes of blue jays.

However, phone calls and e-mails this week have indicated that other people are having a more interesting bird year than we are. Jerry Vincent reports that he has had flocks of redpolls, pine siskins, and goldfinches. Last Monday he counted 15 redpolls. He also mentioned seeing white-winged crossbills.

Jane Young of Bethel called to say that she has had two flocks of redpolls at her house. The Shivericks have been visited by numbers of tree sparrows. Betsey Foster over in Locke Mills has had flocks of 20 to 40 goldfinches all winter, sometimes mixed in with purple finches. She has also had tufted titmice and a flock of redpolls this week. Moreover, she spotted a bald eagle earlier this season, scouting over

Round Pond. She also has seen a pileated woodpecker this week, as well as hairy and downy woodpeckers.

John Applin had a most interesting Valentine's surprise. He was about to head out to town on Valentine's Day when he looked out back and saw a bobcat moseying very casually through the yard. He almost forgot to go pick up Pauline's flowers!

Reg Westleigh is now in Norway Rehab, following his surgery at Stephens for the hip he broke when he fell on ice week before last. Linda says cards can still be addressed to their home, 82 Flat Road, Bethel 04217, as she visits regularly and takes them to him. She reports that his spirits have been good so far, and the cards and messages help.

This may be old news for some of you, but the neighborhood population increased by one on Dec. 14, 2008, when Nancy Morgan Nickerson gave birth to a son, Wyatt Riggs Nickerson. His proud grandma, Linda Morgan, reports that he is adorable and is a big boy, weighing over 12 pounds already. Welcome to the world, Wyatt!

On that note, I'll sign off for this week. I hope to hear from more of you about your doings, sightings, etc. Reach me at 836-3011 or dhoe@megalink.net.

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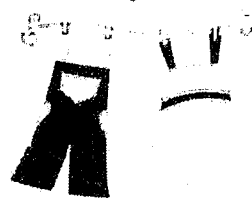
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Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

Last week's snowstorm brought over a foot of snow.

As I am writing this on Sunday, the snow is falling again and this storm could possibly bring another foot of snow or close to it.

My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy at work at the SAD44 Maintenance Garage over school vacation. All the buses need to be inspected and made safe to transport the children when they return from vacation. He also continues his celebrity status in this column. Every once in a while someone mentions to me that they read the column and usually check to see what "my brother, Steve McLain" has been up to lately. That happened at Heritage Day at the Bethel Historical Society this past weekend.

Hugh and I attended Heritage Day to help out this year. While Hugh kept an eye on the fireplace at the Moses-Mason House, I helped out with the appraisals that Jay Boschetti, who owns an antique shop in the Steam Mill, was doing at the Robinson House. Some of the items brought in were postcards, a large wooden bowl, old pocket watches, silverware, and assorted jewelry.

Our son, Chris, celebrated a birthday this past weekend. It is hard to believe that he has turned 40 years old. When we talked to him, he seemed to be dealing with 40 quite well. He and Kym were taking Mariyah and her friend out for dinner and then to a movie.

A belated Happy Birthday goes out to Fernand Corriveau, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

Hugh and I went to see Tim and Michele this past weekend to check on the grandkids, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney. Dozer, the dog, was busy chasing them around when we got there.

Town Office

The new Town Office had some work done last week.

Jeremy Morin and Bill Hinkley showed up early and got right to work. A load of gravel arrived and Fred Corriveau came by with the bucket loader to spread it out in front of the Town Office and Town Hall. Hopefully, this will help with the large puddle that appears when it rains and cut down on the mud a little.

It wasn't too long before Bill had a handrail put up, blinds up in the big front windows, and a mirror in the bathroom. The stove and the refrigerator in the kitchen area are working. When there is an election and the ballot clerks have to spend all day at the polls, a stove, refrigerator and microwave will come in handy. The kitchen will also be a plus for any other events that are held throughout the year.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 28 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Anyone who is eligible to vote in Gilead and would like to register, they can do so by arriving early. The Registrar of Voters will be on hand at 6:30 p.m., and be available until 6:55 p.m., since the meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Gilead Historical Society

Richard Fraser stopped by the Bethel Historical Society last Saturday. He was planning on heading for Gilead, but since we were there he presented us with some pictures and postcards of Gilead. There were quite a few pictures that we had never seen before. There were some of Gilead scenes, but also some of the Civilian Conservation Corp when it was in Wild River. The GHS would like to thank Richard for his great donation.

Got news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Andover



by Melinda
Averill

Hello Andover friends. It's hard to believe that March 1st is in three days.

We are getting closer and closer to spring! After the snow-



CARDBOARDING—Kids and adults turned out Sunday for a cardboard box race on Mt. Abram's tubing hill. Designs ranged from a pirate ship to a school bus, but only cardboard and duct tape could be used as building materials. Here, a couple of youngsters take a run in their creation dubbed "Peek-a-Choo."

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

storm on Sunday and Monday we were pretty lucky that we didn't lose our power. A lot of towns did. Most schools were cancelled also; I believe that we have already used up the allotted number of "Snow Days."

Welcome back to Peggy Madigan, who spent most of the winter months in Indiana with her daughter and son-and-law, Suzann and Bryan Ware and daughter Elly.

Welcome home also to Phyllis Simmons, who spent her winter in Florida.

Best wishes to Ken Learned who is scheduled to have surgery today (Thursday).

The following is a letter from Andover youth Sara Anderson: "I am a local Girl Scout named Sara and I am in troop 359. We are working on earning our bronze award. Our project to complete this task is to help support a local food pantry. If you would like to donate food goods and or cans and bottles you can find my boxes at the store and Andover Elementary School. You can tell people that have not heard about food pantries. If you would like to know more about my Girl Scout troop you can call me at 392-1120. Please remember, one can make a

big difference. Thank you for your time and God bless you all." Sara Anderson

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, starting at 6 p.m. On the agenda is the Planning Board-Flood Plain Management Ordinance and the town Personnel Policy Ordinance.

Both ordinances are available to view at the Town Office. Don't forget the Family Fun Day at the Snow Valley Snowmachine Hut, from noon until 3 p.m. (bring your own sled!)

For the past year or so I have been trying to attend the Tuesday night selectmen's meetings. Needless to say they are quite interesting, if you like

government. Once in a while I'll try and let people know when something of interest comes up.

Happenings from the Selectmen's Meeting, Feb. 17. It was reported that there were a couple of applicants each for the Animal Control Officer position and the Code Enforcement Officer. Interviews were scheduled to be held Tuesday. Also, the town sold one of the fire trucks that we voted to put out to bid last March at town meeting.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Jeremy Putnam on Feb. 29, Jakob Bachelor on March 1, Tyler Morton on March 2.

Congratulations to East Andover resident Jonathon Hammond, for achieving high honors for the fall semester at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. (For high honors you must have a minimum gpa of 3.6.)

Enjoy the weekend!

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

We got about a foot of snow Sunday night. Schools and many busi-

nesses around the state were closed Monday. The wind was pretty fierce Monday. Spring hasn't arrived!

Selectmen spent quite a bit of time discussing the overcharges to property taxes. The correct amounts to be abated were established.

There will be a Planning Board meeting at the Town Office on Friday, Feb. 27. The board will have a workshop from 6 to 7 p.m., after which they'll accept requests, issues, questions and input from the public.

The Ladies Aid meeting is today, Thursday, at my home at 1 p.m. The driveway is plowed and the coffee pot will be on. If you aren't a member yet, come join!

If I ever get to the point when I feel I just can't face life, I'll turn around and go backwards. (

According to the 1919 Town Report, selectmen and citizens were concerned that properties were not equally assessed. That is still a



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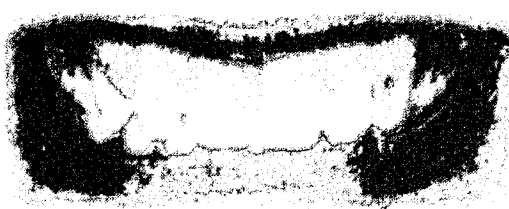


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concern of many citizens today. Also a concern is that Upton's valuation is still below state requirements. Because Upton is losing more and more private land to the wildlife refuge, the amount of collectable taxes is decreasing. For these reasons, many folks would like to have the town hire an outside assessor, thinking otherwise it's a real possibility that we would be unable to remain incorporated, and if so, have little/no input to such decisions. Many folks would be angry to employ an outside assessor if they've enjoyed a low valuation for years. Many folks would be angry at the cost of an outside assessor. Regardless of assessors (like the current one) who have tried to correct these problems people still feel many problems remain. If you share these concerns and have the wherewithal, ability, and initiative to take steps to change things there are folks looking for you — a spokesperson/leader. I will help with my pen if you let me know.

Likewise, I will write opposing viewpoints. John Wayne said, "Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." Have a great week. Selah.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala

Another snowy night and dreams of cleaning up tomorrow is endless. I better not take another flip thru the air with the greatest of ease. I did Thursday and the first part of landing was soft in the snow, but as the snow compacted, the landing became very hard. I didn't know as I was going to move or die on Friday morning. Plus my friend up in Carthage took a spill too. Ron hit his head and probably knocked some sense into it.

I hear that Tater is saying I can hide my John Deere in the grass. To be sure the color green is the only way to go and help the earth too. That dull orange Coyote puppy that Tater has is a good target for my JD to bury. Tater can't move that thingy fast enough to dig one bucket of anything but "bull".

We had the annual Oyster Stew supper for the Legion. Was a good time for all and I think everyone had all they wanted. Herbie, Willie and I had our share of stew. I just can't understand anyone not

liking oysters. That is really the biggest question of all time. Anita made the turkey pie for those that didn't partake of the oysters. A big pie went in a hurry. Course the extra will be part of the bingo hot meal and maybe I'll get a taste.

Last Tuesday at the Legion Fifth District meeting in Dixfield, the commander gave out info that any Marines that served in Camp Lejeune, N.C., between 1970 and 1985 should be checked out. The drinking water from one well there contained a heavy dose of a cancer-causing carcinogen. So if you know of any Marines that served there, please tell them of this matter.

The ponds have had plenty of activity this past week. Been a number of ice fishermen out there enjoying the practice. I understand that there is three feet of ice on Twitchell. I think I'll wait till summer for my time of fishing. And I will be there come hell or high water this year.

I'll have to clean the trails to collect sap again. I was cleaning more trails today and noticed that sap was slowly dripping from a broken branch. So, guess I better get busy and do the tapping. Bet the sap will flow in good shape come Wednesday Thursday and Friday. And with that thought, I will get my gear into bed.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I am writing this on Sunday afternoon, and guess what — surprise, surprise, it's snowing! According to the weather reports we can get between one to two feet, isn't that wonderful? Ahh, the way life should be.

I want to welcome a new family to our East Andover "family," Linda and Avery Parham from Georgia. They have purchased Lester and Jean White's house and came up last week to move in. They brought some guests including two children who had never seen snow before; I'll bet they had their fill this week.

This Sunday, March 1, the Calvary Bible Church is having a special church service. The New Beginnings Group from Farmington will have a concert during the 11 a.m. service. A Potluck Dinner will be held after the service. If you are planning to attend, you should call Barbara Meisner to see what you can bring for food.

Ivy Robinson is at the Victorian Villa in Canton recovering from hip surgery. Cards

would be nice.

If you want a great, and I mean really delicious, recipe for fish chowder, give Janet Farrington a call. To me this is the season for chowder, or as we say chowda, and Friday evening I had the best I've ever had. Thanks, Janet!

My condolences to the family of Annie Simmons. Annie was my grandfather's sister-in-law. So that makes her my great aunt. She spent her life on Prince Edward Island, but visited us in Maine quite a bit. She was a great hostess, and our extended family visited her a lot.

I am awaiting the birth of my new kitten, thanks to Val Morton, for calling to let me know that her cat is expecting any day now. Soon Mineau the 6th will be home with me. See 'ya.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Kevin and Lynn Barry and their son, Joseph, from Cape Cod

spent the week in Newry. They were here to celebrate Lynn's birthday. Their friends, Stuart and Jennifer Rapp, along with their children, Anthony and Celia, were here for the festivities. Along with Sandee and Leon Dunn they all went to Bethel to celebrate the birthday girl. It was also a very busy week of snowmobiling as well. The Rapp's left Wednesday morning. Friends Rich and Celeste arrived that evening. They all headed home mid-day on Friday.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club thanks all who participated in the Herb Kirtledge Memorial Ride and supper last Saturday night. Fifteen riders departed at 9:30 a.m. with Leon Dunn for an 80-mile ride stopping on the New Hampshire line at the Bull Moose restaurant for lunch. They continued on through to Andover and back to the Bear River Grange where the Landowners Supper took place.

Herb's daughter, Kathy Bean from Norway, drove over to join her husband Harlan and family for the supper in her dad's name. The family had been on the all-day ride with Leon.

During the early part of the day, Owen Wight was at the Grange overseeing the Oyster Stew. There were 75 paying diners with six to eight landowners in attendance. The

spaghetti and desserts brought by members and guests were delicious and plentiful. The 50/50 raffle was won by John McPherson. People came from Mexico, Bethel and Andover to attend this once-a-year occasion. At dessert time an award was given to Leon Dunn from the club for his continued help and commitment to grooming our trails. There was lots of help in the kitchen.

For news about the WVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

The Bear River Trading Post has been designated as a weigh station for the 2009 Maine Chevrolet Statewide Ice Fishing Derby, which will be held on March 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an entry fee. Stop by the Post for information or to sign up. While there have some soup or other snacks. Available for purchase are warm hats, gloves and fishing gear for the event. Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BTRP as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

The Board of Selectmen meets on the first and third Monday of each month. The Planning Board members meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Their agendas are posted at the Town Office. If you need more information about these meetings you may call the Town Office at 824-3123. All meetings at the Town Office are open to the public.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting, Friday, Feb. 27, is a Young Adult Fellowship and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. Saturday, Feb. 28, Ladies Bible Study at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and Men's Bible Study in the church Sunday school room.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Francis Cushing and Elaine Koskela Keraris.

The Woodstock Extension Group met on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Town Conference Room. The program was

on Quebec and a lunch was held.

The Woodstock High School Alumni Association is holding an April calendar sale for the scholarship fund. If you aren't contacted and wish to buy one for \$10, call 665-2088 (Dot Heath) or 674-2431 (Mina Morgan). Support your alumni!

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on March 5 at Ledgeview Memorial Home, West Paris. Meal put on by Ledgeview Auxiliary and program is Ann Morton on trips she has taken. Meeting starts at 11:30, program held following the dinner. New members always welcome.

Historical Society

For the February meeting of the Historical Society Olive Risko gave more information on the Rumford Zoo for the Research Report. Paul and Vicki Billings gave information and a test on Abraham Lincoln, whose bicentennial was celebrated on Feb. 12. The potluck supper featured soups. The grandson of Alan Hathaway and son of John W. Hathaway gave some items to the Historical Society.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Hanover Board of Selectmen met Feb. 17 at the Hanover Town Office. They heard reports and discussed activities of other town boards. The Board expects there will be a special town meeting in June for school budget items and several ordinance changes.

The Hanover Comprehensive Plan Committee met Feb. 18 and continued from the previous month on goals for the town's future. Six committee members attended along with John Mahoney from Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. Vice Chair Jim List headed the meeting in the absence of Chairman Jim Barker.

The Hanover Planning Board had a workshop on Feb. 19 to discuss the Louise Jonaitis subdivision being designed for a lot in Hanover Village.

Two little girls never had such a birthday celebration

before. Shawnee and Makala Worcester have turned one year old and the parties were many and often. Starting off last Friday at Butch and Vicki Clark's on Ellis River Road with a delicious supper that served a crowd and was followed with chocolate cake and ice cream. The next night at Donna and Clem Worcester's house on Baby Brook Lane a gathering devoured a Winnie the Pooh vanilla cake served with ice cream. Attending besides Donna and Clem and the twins were parents Brian and Sara Worcester, Kaylynn Worcester, Frank and Bonnie Bulger, Marie Hala and Dave Worcester. The next party in the series was on Tuesday in Carthage and included grandparents and others from that area. Shawnee and Makala agreed that ripping up wrapping paper was the most fun. A lot of pictures of cake-covered faces were taken.

The turkeys of Hanover have taken a leave of absence. Perhaps it is due to a story about the demise of one of them. It has been reported that a small dog was seen dragging a dead turkey down the road toward his owners' residence. He must have been quite a scrapper because the turkey was bigger than her.

Local members of the Knights of Pythias traveled to Gouldsboro on Feb. 8 to attend a reception for Grand Chancellor Carl Young and Grand Chief Janice Bennett. The local area can be proud of the accomplishments of Janice Bennett who has served since last April. Also attending were her husband Danny along with Michael Bennett from Milton Township, Freeman Farrington from East Andover and Donna and Clem Worcester from Hanover.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

Owen and Debbie Brown took Crystal Lake, Larra Mills and yours truly to Augusta Sunday afternoon where we had dinner at the Olive Garden, and, my what

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a busy place! There were people going and coming all the time. We had to wait a while to get seated, so it was after 5 p.m. before we started eating. Then it was across the road to the Augusta Civic Center where we attended a Stand for Marriage Rally.

When our far-seeing forefathers wrote the Constitution and Bylaws for the state of Maine, they did what they were trying not to do, which was to step over the boundaries of separation of church and state, and they took one of the sacraments of the church and incorporated it into the civil laws of the state when it came to defining marriage.

Now there is a bill coming before the Legislature that wants to define marriage between two people. The only problem is marriage was not defined by any human standards, it was defined by God right from the beginning: Genesis 2:24.

By not requiring all people to be part of civil unions when it came to state law they have unwittingly pitted some of us just where we don't want to be: on the opposite side of the fence from

some of our friends, neighbors and even the churches down the street, who, as one pastor sadly said "... don't seem to read the same Bible as we do." Well, they read the same Bible but seem to pick and choose what they want to believe, where the evangelical churches believe that: "... that the Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15 and "Scripture is God inspired and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness 2 Tim. 3:16 and we have no choice but to believe it all, even those parts that may not seem fair to our human eyes, for the Bible also says that spiritual things are spiritually discerned. We are not a closed society. God desires all people to see their need of a Savior and once having accepted Jesus as that Savior one will start to see through spiritual eyes.

We have no desire to keep same-sex couples from having the same civil rights as married couples. True believers have no hatred or dislike or fear of others whose beliefs are different from our own. Every person has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. No one should have to live in fear or hatred. But we do feel that we have the right to keep the definition of marriage as God intended: Matt. 19:4-6 "Haven't you read," He

(Jesus) replied, "that in the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said 'For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one and what God has joined together let no man separate." God said it; many, many believe it. Marriage: one man, one woman. That's my message.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Looks like the weather forecasters got it right this time.

This was quite the storm; two feet of wet snow complete with wind gusts up to 40 mph. Like most people, we lost power for 12 hours. Others lost it even longer. The snow was even above my highest boots. At least the temperature was not too cold and by afternoon the sun was shining for a while. The rest of the week is supposed to be sunny or warmer, depending on the day. I bet the students were happy to get an extra vacation day!

Needless to say we didn't go to Boston. I didn't want to leave in case we really did get a big storm. I didn't want to leave the plowing until late at

night after a four-hour drive from Boston. Now I have to get a new appointment and it might take some time.

Thursday, the 26th, Mountain Poets meets at 7 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. All poets and poetry lovers are invited. Come and read your favorite poems or just come and listen.

Friday is Open Mic Night at the First Universalist Church 479 Main Street, Norway. FMI call Heather at 935-4505 or email vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Friday in Bethel at the Bethel Congregational Church Western Mountains Senior College will hold registrations for spring classes. I know quite a few seniors from Waterford go to those classes. Registrations start at 5:30 p.m. with a soup swap and run until 7:30 p.m. Classes include, Great Decisions Discussion Group, Explorations in Spirituality, and Creative Writing, Multiple Intelligences. FMI call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

A Happy Birthday goes out to Sadie Morin, who turns 12 on March 3.

Anyone having anything they would like to see in this column can call me at 743-0583 or email rockhead1@roadrunner.com. Just remember that if the weather is bad, again, and we have no electricity, we also have no phone at our house.

That is all for this week. Enjoy the rest of the shoveling out and have a safe week.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

The big snowstorm promised for Sunday is now in progress. About one to two inches came during the

afternoon. At 4 p.m. I scraped it away hoping the rest would melt and not freeze on. During a storm it is easier for me to clean the paths every two inches or so. There was a let-up for a few hours and now at 7 p.m. everything is white with the air full of blowing snow. It is difficult to even see the neighbors. If this keeps up we will certainly have the foot predicted.

Town Reports came out last week. West Paris' town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Agnes Gray School Gymnasium. Hopefully many will attend. Your vote counts so be there.

On Sunday, March 1, at the Universalist Church the topic is "Abraham, Isaac, and Me." In preparation for Lent, The Rev. Richard Beal will review the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice and its meaning for religious liberal. Church is at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. All are welcome.

Each Sunday at church members furnish the coffee and tea with a few goodies. Beryl Bonney and I served last week. I tried something different and baked a pound cake and topped it with an orange glaze. It was made of a small amount of confectioners sugar moistened with orange juice and grated orange peel. The glaze is thin and poured over the cake and makes a delicious topping.

Saturday I walked up Route 26 to visit Joan and Bob Newell. They have a Siamese cat and a white and yellow cat about the same size. They love to run and play through the house and kept us entertained while we enjoyed tea and cookies. Bob was watching the basketball games in the basement beside the fireplace. He has started a few things in his hot-house already. What a beautiful view they have on the hill near the rescue barn overlook-

ing Route 26 and Main Street to the village. The mountains with trees all around were draped with snow. It was bright and sunny but the walk was cold with a biting wind.

Muffin loves to run and play also. What a mess they could make if she were to visit with the two cats.

Dean's list

Blake Conrad was named to the dean's list at the University of New England for the fall semester of 2008-2009. Blake is the son of Glen and Kathy Conrad of Andover.

Honor roll

CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

The following pupils have been named to the Crescent Park School Honor Roll for the second quarter of school year 2008-2009.

GRADE FIVE

High Honors: Jacob Bennett, Alison Berube, Tarin McLaughlin, Andrew Siegel, Brendon Stearns.

Honors: Rachel Barton, Carla Boyle-Wight, Christian Brown, Shylyn Buckman, Caleb Clarke, Robert Crockett, Jillian DeLallo, Tucker Hayward, Rebecca Howard, Ani Inman, Mitchell Lehman, Jessica Myers, Ashley Savage, Maddie Simard, Amber Souve, Blair Stevens, Savannah Vermette.

GRADE FOUR

High Honors: Zoe Bean, Matthew Bennett, Dominique Berry, Mallory Corriveau, Kimberly Drew, Paige Dutterer, Kristi Hanscom, India Orino, Ali Turnick.

Honors: Matthew Bragdon, Matthew Chiasson, George Connors, Joshua Eliot, Avry Griffin, Schuyler Left, Luke Mason, Wynter Morin, Regan Kauf, Alice Pelletier, Jodi Putnam, Willis Steven, Zachary Stone, Gabriel Sylvester, Souix-Ann Tuttle.



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Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM to take comments and provide information on a proposal for a subdivision from Lloyd Poland. Rustic Outlook II is proposed as an addition to Rustic Outlook.

A copy of the application is on file at the Woodstock Town Office for public inspection.

The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD

The Andover Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the Flood Plain Management Ordinance.

Date of Public Hearing:
Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Andover Town Hall
Copies of the Ordinance are available
at the Andover Town Office

Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009 @ 6:00 PM** to take comments and provide information on the possibility of changing ambulance service providers for the Town of Woodstock. This will then be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on March 30, 2009.

The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Woodstock Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM to take comments and provide information on the following two items:

1. A proposed subdivision entitled "Rustic Outlook II" as brought by Lloyd Poland.
2. A proposed addition to the Building Permit Ordinance. The addition is as follows:

Section III 1. Permits (Add):

- K. A building permit is required for all residential and commercial wind/turbine towers. Due to the potential height of the structure and safety considerations for adjoining property owners, the following must be addressed:

- (1) The tower will be placed no closer to all property lines than its height to the highest point plus 10%. The highest point of the tower is usually the tip of the blade when it is at the top of its arch. Additional zoning setbacks must be considered.
- (2) All abutting land owners must be notified by certified mail of your intentions, the location of the tower, and any manufacturer warnings prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Section IV. (Add):

- g. The location of the proposed wind/turbine tower, if applicable, and off set distances from all property lines.

Section VI. Fee Schedule (Add):

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| Wind/Turbine Tower (Residential) | \$20.00 |
| Wind/Turbine Tower (Commercial) | \$1.00/foot |
- (Fee will be calculated at the rate of \$1.00 per foot from the base of the tower to the highest point on the tower - usually the tip of the blade when it is at the top of its arc).

A copy of the application is on file at the Woodstock Town Office for public inspection.

The hearing will be held at the Woodstock Town Office Conference Room.

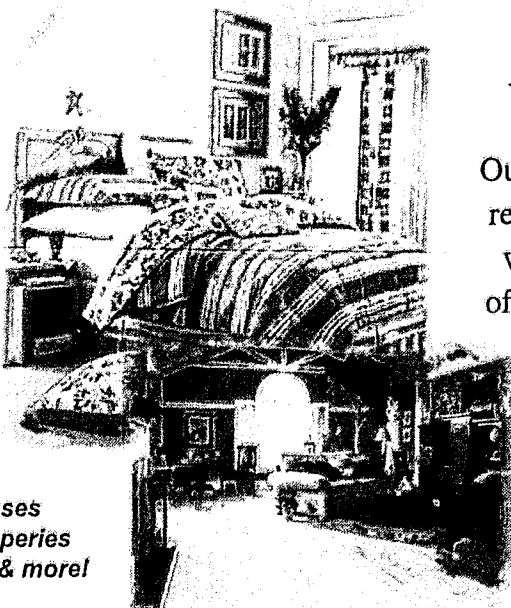
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Sports

High School Boys' Cross-country Skiing

State Class C Championships at Black Mt., Feb. 19. Freestyle: Fort Kent 36, Winthrop 56, Freeport 56, Telstar 85, Madawaska 90, Orono 101, Waynflete 114, NYA 147, Central Aroostook 151, Livermore Falls 195. Winning time: 14:06.9. Telstar racers: 14. Lance Brown 16:52.6; 18. Adam Mahar 17:04.2; 22. John Lewis 17:38.1; 31. Ben Lewis 18:24.4; 41. Patrick Gallagher 18:51.1.

State Class C Championships at Black Mt., Feb. 21. Classical: Fort Kent 66, Winthrop 93, Freeport 137, Telstar 180, Orono 184, Madawaska 205, Waynflete 222, North Yarmouth 299, Central Aroostook 321, Livermore Falls 384. Winning time: 15:13.3. Telstar racers: 17. Adam Mahar 18:17.3; 25. John Lewis 18:56.6; 32. Will Chapman 19:24.2; 42. Patrick Gallagher 20:13.1; 35. Ben Lewis 19:34.0.

High School Girls' Cross-country Skiing

State Class C Championships at Black Mt., Feb. 19. Freestyle: Fort Kent 13, Freeport 26, Telstar 80, Winthrop 88. Winning time: 15:22.6. Telstar racers: 9. Katlyn Keane 19:23.7; 19. Molly Keane 21:57.3; 22. Meghan Bonney 24:01.8; 31. Marian Hotopp 28:59.4.

State Class C Championships at Black Mt., Feb. 21. Classical: Fort Kent 29, Freeport 51, Fort Fairfield 165, Winthrop 171, Waynflete 176, Telstar 178. Winning time: 16:49.0. Telstar racers: 12. Katylyn Keane 21:18.6; 25. Molly Keane 24:13.7; 30. Meghan Bonney 26:39.7; 33. Marian Hotopp 26:57.8.

High School Boys' Alpine Skiing

State Class C Championships at Sunday River, Feb. 19. Slalom: Fort Kent 43, Livermore Falls 44, Freeport 81, Central Aroostook 83, Telstar 87, Winthrop 88, Madawaska 119, Rangeley 128, Greenville 153, John Baptist 204. Winning time: 1:01.88. Telstar racers: 4. Frankie Del Duca 1:05.52; 14. Gavin Lee 1:14.69; 29. Cody Boivin 1:27.48; 40. Josh Head 1:37.54; 44. Edgar Barrero-Stadler 1:40.10.

State Class C Championships at Sunday River, Feb. 20. Giant Slalom: Central Aroostook 43, Fort Kent 47, Livermore Falls 55A.5, Telstar 92A.5, Winthrop 106, Rangeley 111, Freeport 122, Greenville 128, Madawaska 179, John Baptist 195. Winning time: 1:13.88. Telstar racers: 2. Frankie Del Duca 1:13.85; 22. Cody Boivin 1:25.22; 28. Gavin Lee 1:27.68; 40. Edgar Barrero-Stadler 1:31.34; 47. Josh Head 1:35.93.

High School Girls' Alpine Skiing

State Class C Championships at Sunday River, Feb. 19. Slalom: Telstar 22, Fort Kent 51, Greenville 83, Freeport 84, Valley 114. Telstar racers: 1. Sam Largess 1:10.28; 6. T.J. Cowin 1:27.02; 7. Peggie DePasquale 1:32.21; 8. Morgan Lee 1:32.28.

State Class C Championships at Sunday River, Feb. 20. Giant Slalom: Telstar 45, Freeport 58, Greenville 66, Fort Kent 71, Valley 129. Telstar racers: 1. Sam Largess 1:17.71; 5. T.J. Cowin 1:23.01; 6. Morgan Lee 1:24.56; 33. Jamie Steven 1:41.71.

"Telstar's alpine team may be small on size but this talented group of girls trained throughout the season with spirit, focus and tremendous work ethic," said Coach Anne Reis. "The team had a terrific regular season, facing many great teams and talented skiers. At States the girls knew they would have to ski fast and that everyone had to finish each race to win the overall title. Thursday's Slalom was run under challenging conditions due to new snow. The new snow brought a soft track with ruts and poor visibility, adding to the challenge, but the girls remained focused. On Day 2 Samantha Largess led the field, skiing two blazing runs for another first-place finish. When team captain Peggie DePasquale had difficulty in her first run, teammate Jamie Steven picked up the pace and skied two solid runs to help Telstar win the GS event and become the Alpine Champions.

TMS Cross-country Skiing

State Class A Middle School Nordic and Alpine Championships, Feb 11 and Feb. 14.

The Telstar boys team came in second at the freestyle race and second at the classic race getting 2nd in the combined status of the Nordic events. When the boys' alpine team was added to the scoring, the Telstar Middle School boys Alpine and Nordic ski teams took first place and won the overall event. The girls team did not have enough racers to score as a team.

Feb. 11 Freestyle

Girls individual score and time: Rachael Goldberg 15th with a time of 15:13, Rose Goldberg 17th with a time of 15:35.

Boys scored second in this race, beating Oxford Hills, Mt. Valley, Spruce, Sugarloaf Area Ski Team, Tripp, and Winthrop, losing only to Farmington Area Ski Team. Boys individual score and time: 8. Caleb Clarke 12:24; 10. Andrew Siegel 12:46; 11. Kyler Walker 13:01; 12. Aiden Clarke 13:04; 26. Max Southam 15:39; 35. Liam Gallagher 18:18.

Feb. 14 Classic

Girls individual score and time: 12. Rose Goldberg 16:54; 17. Rachael Goldberg 17:52.

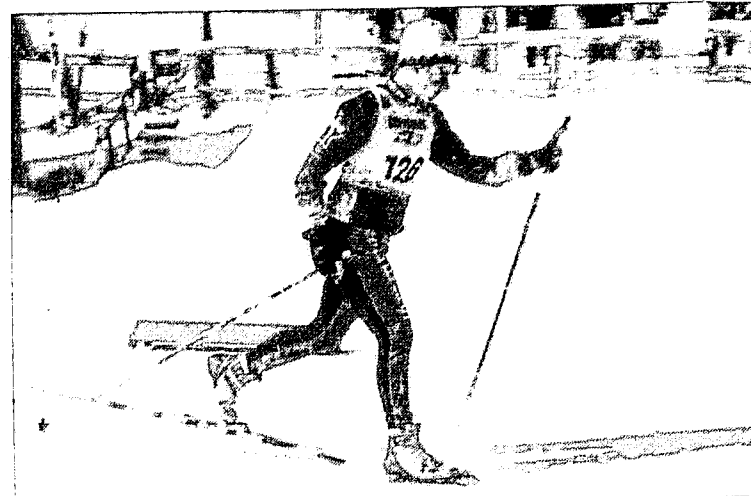
Boys individual score and time: 4. Caleb Clarke 12:21; 9. Aiden Clarke 13:17; 9. Andrew Siegel 13:36; 15. Kyler Walker 14:46; 24. Max Southam 17:00; 40. Liam Gallagher 20:52.

Telstar also had two boys who skied as skimieters this year. Kyler Walker and Max Southam skied in the downhill events as well as the Nordic events. As a result of their individual performance in the Nordic freestyle and classic events and the Alpine giant slalom and slalom events, Kyler Walker was a medal winner, scoring third place overall and Max Southam was seventh place overall. — Coach Steve Keane

TMS Alpine Skiing

State Class A Middle School Nordic and Alpine Championships, Feb 11 and Feb. 14.

The Giant Slalom race took place at Mt. Abram and the Freestyle at Sunny Croft Farm. In the GS the Telstar girls placed fourth overall with Rachael Wheeler seventh, Maddie Simard 14th, Grace Connors 17th and Cathrine Habberman-Fake 23rd, scoring for the team. The boys placed second overall with John Drew second, Tobias Francis ninth, Alex Manning 12th and Max Southam. 15th scoring for the team. On Feb. 14 at Titcomb, teams met for the final day of competition, with slalom races. The girls finished in third overall with Cathrine Habberman-Fake sixth, Rachael Wheeler ninth, Maddie Simard 16th and Grace Connors 23rd, scoring for the team. The boys placed second again with John Drew third, Tobias Francis 11th, Avery Rossow 13th, and Justin Sterns 15th, scoring for the team. With the combination of the Boy's Alpine and Boy's Nordic results, they captured "First Team Overall" honors for the third year in a row. — Coach Tim Kavanagh



CLASSIC FORM—Telstar's Marian Hotopp skis in the classical race at Black Mountain in Saturday's State Class C cross-country ski competition. (Photo: Anne Marie Mahar)



THIRD IN BOARDERCROSS—Jonathan Scheidegger of Bethel competed in the USASA Nationals qualifying event at Sunday River. In one of the most competitive groups, he finished third in two competitions. Jonathan rides with the Gould Academy Competition. The event was also a charity event known as "Tucker's Boardercross for Cancer." Tucker Olmsted was a Sugarloaf who raced in the Maine Mountain Series, and who lost his battle with cancer at age 12. (Photo: D. MacKnight)


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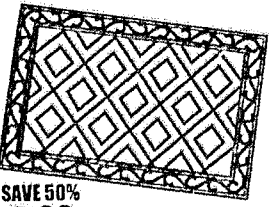

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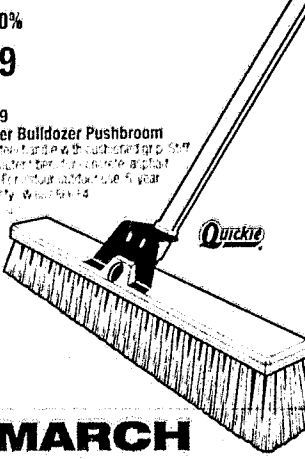
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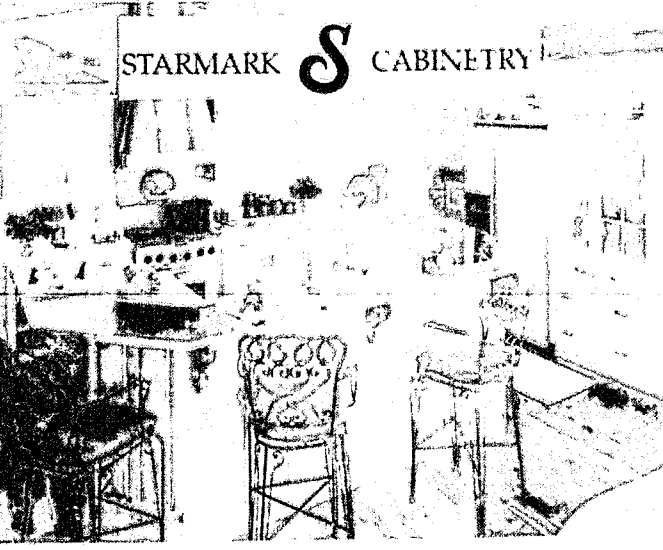
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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell6@myfairpoint.com..

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - T'ai Chi at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - Pre-school Story Time (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - Infants/toddlers to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

To end of February

Fill in the Blank by pinning hand-made hearts (any size) on banner-like fabric collage called "Cover the Snowy Hills," at Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Hearts will be sewn on and finished piece displayed as part of the "Fulfillment" show that opens Friday, March 6. FMI: 743-9008.

Thru March 1

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Landscapes for Landsake art exhibit and sale to benefit Mahosuc Land Trust, sponsored by Sunday River Real Estate at the Sunday Real Estate Office, South Ridge Lodge has been extended to March 1.

Thursday, Feb. 26

4 to 9 p.m. - Free ski, board and tubing night at Black Mountain of Maine, sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank and Pine Tree Cellular. Lift and trail tickets free to everyone. Rentals: \$15 each beginning at 3:45 p.m. (while they last). FMI: call 364-8977 or visit www.skiblackmountain.org.

February 26 thru 28

Visa U.S. World Snowboarding Cup at Sunday River.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-6885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel. 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2.

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Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

FMI: visit media center at www.sundayriver.com.

Friday, Feb. 27

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Soup Swap at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. FMI: call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508 or check the Western Mountains Senior College column this week.

6:30 p.m. (sign up) - Norway Open Mic Night at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Open mic starts at 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available. FMI: call Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Feb. 28

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Woodstock School Fifth-Grade Class Fishing Derby at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. Cost: \$10, with two categories, 12 years and under and adult division of 13 years and older. Rules and regulations posted at event. Prizes awarded. Raffle tickets and hot food at camp's dining hall. All profits for fifth-grade's trip to Boston and fifth-grade promotion night celebration. FMI: call Woodstock School at 665-2228, Tonya at 418-8278 or Tracy at 890-9021.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - One-day Preparing for Birth class at Ripley Medical Building, Harper Conference Room (go right downstairs). Cost: \$50 if delivering at Stephens Memorial Hospital or \$60 if delivering elsewhere. Insurance covers cost of class. To register or FMI: call 743-1562 x 380 or visit www.wmhc.org.

12 noon to 3 p.m. - First annual Family Fun Day sponsored by Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club and area businesses at the Sno-Goers' clubhouse on South Main Street, Andover (storm date, Sunday, March 1 same time). Sliding, bonfire with s'mores, hot cocoa, burgers, hot dogs and more. Lunch free to all who bring food item for local food pantry. Bring your own sled.

5:30 - Lincoln Day Dinner, sponsored by Bethel Area Republicans, at The Bethel Inn Conference Center. Buffet (sirloin or baked stuffed chicken) dinner follows social hour at 6:30 p.m. Raffles and auction. Tickets: \$30 each; make checks payable to Oxford Country Republican Committee and send to Lynn Hamper, Treasurer, Oxford County Republican Committee, 1023 King Street, Oxford, ME 04270. FMI: call Becky Kendall at 824-2196 or e-mail beckyk@megalink.net.

Sunday, March 1

2 p.m. - Celtic Celebration with Dennis and Davey at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 255 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail Kieran@ncia.net.

Monday, March 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Socrates Café meets at Waterford Library. Meetings held first Monday of each month. Group offers forum to discuss current topics and ideas and divergent views welcome. March meeting theme: "What Is Appropriate Technology?" Moderator is Connie Allen.

7 p.m. - Town of Newry annual meeting at Bear River Grange. Potluck at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Everyone invited.

March 2 thru 8

MS Awareness Week at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. \$20 lift tickets Sunday, March 1 with \$10 of each ticket donated to Maine Chapter of MS Society. FMI: call 875-5000.

Tuesday, March 3

7 p.m. - The Harlem Rockets, a comedy basketball team, will take on SAD44 Dream Team at Telstar High School. Advance tickets \$10 for adults and \$8 for students/seniors, at door \$12 and \$10.

7 p.m. - Black Diamond Entertainment Series: Family

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930am. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI-392-3761.

Ce.vary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor, Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-2028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m., Rev. Angelo Leveseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

Comedy Night featuring Robbie Printz and Mike Dorval at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Wednesday, March 4

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute Wellness Van will be at Oxford Wal-Mart. Two CMHVI health counselors will provide blood pressure checks, osteoporosis screenings, and cholesterol screenings. \$10 fee for cholesterol screening.

7 p.m. - Black Diamond Entertainment Series: Kevin Robert, mentalist, at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Friday, March 6

7:30 p.m. - Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter Benefit Show at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Snow date: Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$9, children up to grade 12 \$6 available at door, Books N Things, Norway, from cast members and at OHCHS Valhalla store.

Friday, March 6, 13, 20, 27

12 to 1 p.m. - Ecumenical Lenten Lunch at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Following simple soup lunch will be short meditation/discussion on one of the Psalms. Everyone welcome to share this hour of fellowship.

Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7

7:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: Matthew and Jason Tardy are back combining comedic wit with high-energy stunts. Friday night special \$10, Saturday tickets \$15. FMI for tickets: call 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday, March 7

7 p.m. - Black Diamond Entertainment Series: David Garrrity, illusionist, at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Sunday, March 8

1 to 5 p.m. - Introductory Workshop on painting with hot, pigmented wax, by Western Maine Art Group member and teacher Heather Westleigh at Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Pre-registration required (592-5047) by March 1 (space limited). Cost: \$50 with a \$25 materials fee. FMI: visit www.phoenixnest.us.

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 p.m. - Oyster Stew Dinner at American Legion Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel. Cost: \$5 per person.

Wednesday, March 11

11 a.m. - Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street with potluck dinner. Members asked to bring either hot dish or salad; dessert furnished. Speaker will be Kim from Seniors Plus who will answer questions about Medicare, income taxes, social security, etc.

6 to 7:30 p.m. - Colon Cancer Program on importance of early detection, at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free. Light refreshments served. RSVP as seating limited (743-1562 Ext 289 by March 6).

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2651.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 999-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withy. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 255 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 3 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship, (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabus Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am. Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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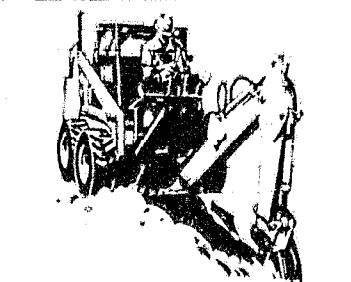
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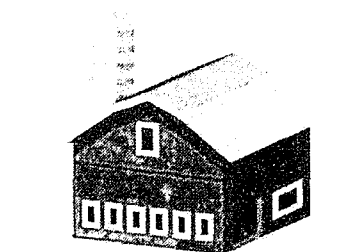
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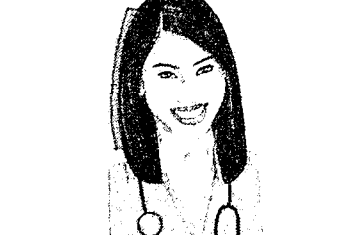
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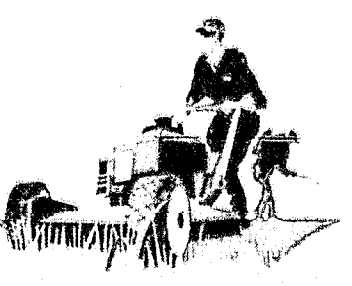
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Plan to attend the Spring Course Registration and Annual Soup Swap tomorrow evening (Friday) from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. Registration for spring classes will be held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and a fun evening continues with the "soup swap." And don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

Participants will be bringing two quarts of hot soup for tasting at the event, and up to four quarts in quart containers already frozen. After the tasting, they can choose different frozen soups equal to the same number of many quarts they bring.

As a reminder to those of you who live alone or don't have the facilities to make a big batch of soup, you can still attend and have fun participating. Several members will be bringing extra hot soup and extra

frozen soup for sale. You'll be able to join the "tasting" of soups and purchase some if available. If you don't bring soup or a dessert, your entry fee will be a small monetary donation, along with a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. After the "tasting," everyone can enjoy a number of various desserts and a chance to try their luck at "Soup Trivia."

Complete details about this fun evening were mailed to WMSC members this week. If you are not yet a member, come along, join WMSC, enjoy this winter social activity and meet new friends. You may also call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508 for membership information.

"Healthy Eating on a Budget" Launches March 4.

Cathi DiCocco, local chef and food educator, will discuss "You Are What You Eat," on Wednesday, March 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street. This event also serves to launch a unique program, "Healthy Eating on a Budget," to be held during March and April with the participation of eight Bethel restaurants. Their

owner/chefs will offer special healthy eating menus.

Sponsored by the "To Your Health" committee of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC), "Healthy Eating on a Budget" is the final program in a series on how to de-stress your life.

The program focuses on the benefits of eating healthy meals while staying on a budget. Cathi DiCocco, as the introductory presenter, will share her knowledge and experience to help people understand that "we are what we eat."

Further information about the program will be available on a handout flyer.

Local restaurants voluntarily participating in this program include Café DiCocco, March 11; Sassafras Market (at The Victoria Restaurant), March 18; Bethel Inn, Millbrook Tavern, March 25; Good Food Store (at Bethel Congregational Church dining room), April 1; Rooster's Roadhouse, April 15; The Sudbury Inn, April 23; and S. S. Milton, April 30. Restaurant menus will be available one or two weeks in advance and will

be posted at the restaurants. Menus will also be listed in the WMSC column of the Bethel Citizen newspaper in Bethel. Seating may be limited and reservations are required. Restaurants will accept reservations a week in advance, and must be made by Monday noon of their scheduled healthy eating special.

In order to encourage participation, healthy eating meals will cost no more than \$10 per person.

Restaurants will give healthy eating tips and recipes for items offered at the meal. People will go home with ideas they can use.

At the conclusion of this program, all recipes and healthy eating tips will be made available in a publication prepared by the Community Education Department of SAD44.

To Your Health is presented as a community service by WMSC, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education, and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053 or Judy Whitman at 824-0347.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Warm Indian pudding with real whipped cream served from hearth of the winter kitchen of the Dr. Moses Mason House was one of the many activities scheduled at the Bethel Historical Society's 35th annual Heritage Day.

Other activities during the day were an appraisal opportunity for up to two antiques or collectibles by Jay Boschetti of Steam Mill Antiques for a donation of \$5 and traditional craft demonstrations and exhibits by June Abbott, quilting; Lorrie Hoeh, spinning; Grace McKivergan, weaving; Jane Peterson, spinning. There were also several historical films playing throughout the afternoon. A genealogical round table led by genealogist Steve Seames was also well-attended.

Tours of the Dr. Mason House were available with the Indian pudding as well as the exhibits on the Androscoggin

River, the Maine Grange, Bethel History, Maine Barns, Robinson House, and Maine Minerals.

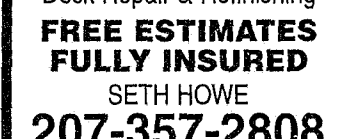
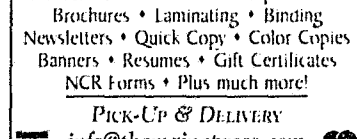
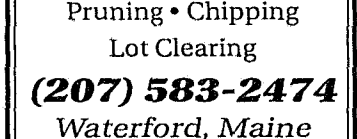
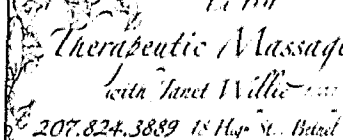
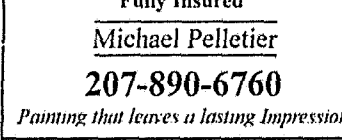
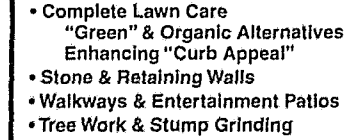
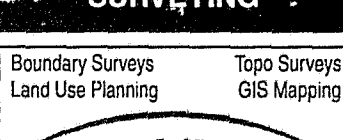
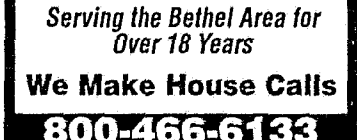
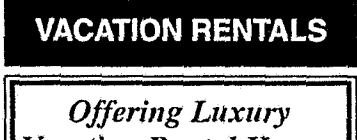
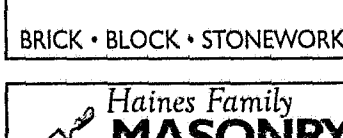
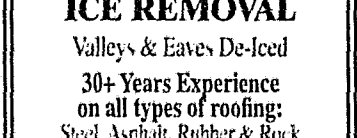
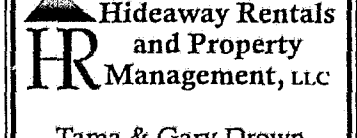
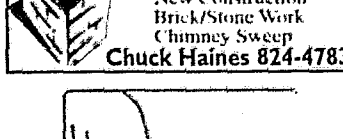
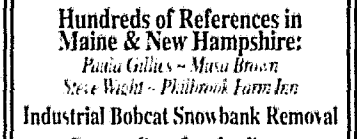
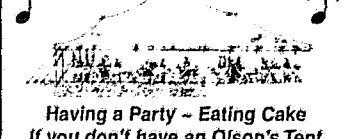
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From

Western Mountains Senior College

Plan to attend the Spring Course Registration and Annual Soup Swap tomorrow evening (Friday) from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. Registration for spring classes will be held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and a fun evening continues with the "soup swap." And don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

Participants will be bringing two quarts of hot soup for tasting at the event, and up to four quarts in quart containers already frozen. After the tasting, they can choose different frozen soups equal to the same number of many quarts they bring.

As a reminder to those of you who live alone or don't have the facilities to make a big batch of soup, you can still attend and have fun participating. Several members will be bringing extra hot soup and extra

frozen soup for sale. You'll be able to join the "tasting" of soups and purchase some if available. If you don't bring soup or a dessert, your entry fee will be a small monetary donation, along with a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. After the "tasting," everyone can enjoy a number of various desserts and a chance to try their luck at "Soup Trivia."

Complete details about this fun evening were mailed to WMSC members this week. If you are not yet a member, come along, join WMSC, enjoy this winter social activity and meet new friends. You may also call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508 for membership information.

"Healthy Eating on a Budget" Launches March 4.

Cathi DiCocco, local chef and food educator, will discuss "You Are What You Eat," on Wednesday, March 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street. This event also serves to launch a unique program, "Healthy Eating on a Budget," to be held during March and April with the participation of eight Bethel restaurants. Their

owner/chefs will offer special healthy eating menus.

Sponsored by the "To Your Health" committee of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC), "Healthy Eating on a Budget" is the final program in a series on how to de-stress your life.

The program focuses on the benefits of eating healthy meals while staying on a budget. Cathi DiCocco, as the introductory presenter, will share her knowledge and experience to help people understand that "we are what we eat."

Further information about the program will be available on a handout flyer.

Local restaurants voluntarily participating in this program include Café DiCocco, March 11; Sassafras Market (at The Victoria Restaurant), March 18; Bethel Inn, Millbrook Tavern, March 25; Good Food Store (at Bethel Congregational Church dining room), April 1; Rooster's Roadhouse, April 8; The Victoria Restaurant, April 15; The Sudbury Inn, April 23; and S. S. Milton, April 30. Restaurant menus will be available one or two weeks in advance and will

be posted at the restaurants. Menus will also be listed in the WMSC column of the Bethel Citizen newspaper in Bethel. Seating may be limited and reservations are required. Restaurants will accept reservations a week in advance, and must be made by Monday noon of their scheduled healthy eating special.

In order to encourage participation, healthy eating meals will cost no more than \$10 per person.

Restaurants will give healthy eating tips and recipes for items offered at the meal. People will go home with ideas they can use.

At the conclusion of this program, all recipes and healthy eating tips will be made available in a publication prepared by the Community Education Department of SAD44.

To Your Health is presented as a community service by WMSC, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education, and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. For more information, call Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2053 or Judy Whitman at 824-0347.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Warm Indian pudding with real whipped cream served from hearth of the winter kitchen of the Dr. Moses Mason House was one of the many activities scheduled at the Bethel Historical Society's 35th annual Heritage Day.

Other activities during the day were an appraisal opportunity for up to two antiques or collectibles by Jay Boschetti of Steam Mill Antiques for a donation of \$5 and traditional craft demonstrations and exhibits by June Abbott, quilting; Lorrie Hoeh, spinning; Grace McKivergan, weaving; Jane Peterson, spinning. There were also several historical films playing throughout the afternoon. A genealogical round table led by genealogist Steve Seames was also well-attended.

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The Museum Shop was also open for those wishing to pick up a copy of Eva Bean's "East Bethel Road" (second edition) at the special 50 percent discount, which honors the 50th anniversary of the appearance of the first edition of this classic book in 1959.

Serving Indian pudding was Jackie Bell. She was assisted in the museum by Hugh Chapman and Allan Marcotte served as guide.

At the Robinson House, Lin Chapman assisted with the appraisal table and Jean Owen tended the shop. For making Indian pudding, much gratitude goes to Maryjane Shiverick, Lorrie Hoeh and Grace McKivergan. Many thanks are extended to all the volunteers who make this annual event such a success each year.

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Condominiums

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SOUTH RIDGE G2 3bed/2.5 bath, slope/side.....	\$345,000	CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/1bath, and unit.....	\$115,000
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Sunday River Real Estate



HOMES



63 Appalachian Drive, The Peaks: Beautiful custom home with 6 BRs & 5 baths, two master suites with jacuzzi tub and steam shower, stunning great room, gourmet kitchen, separate rental or guest quarters with kitchen, two bunk rooms, two fireplaces. A must see! \$1,250,000



274 Douglas Rd, Newry: Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood, with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub, deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$879,000



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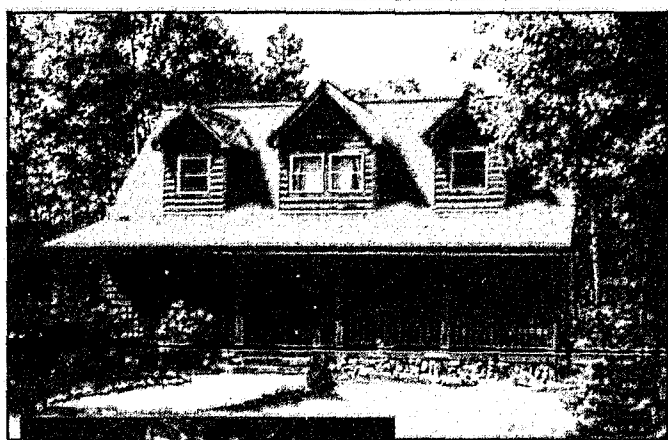
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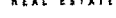
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Anniversaries



Catons celebrate 50th

The Rev. Thomas L. and Sandra M. (Nammarah) Caton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise celebration with family and friends, hosted by their daughter Christine and her husband Iain, Feb. 7, 2009 at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Wilton.

The couple was married Feb. 14, 1959, at the East Congregational Church, Milton, Mass., by the Rev. Clarence L. Schroeder. Best man was Stephan Brayton, and maid of honor was Audrey Campbell, friends of the groom.

The couple graduated from Quincy High School, Quincy, Mass. Tom went on to graduate from Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., and Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor.

He served parishes in Ellsworth Falls, Lincoln, Bethel, and Ashland, Maine and Pocatello, Idaho. He is now retired after 40 years in the ministry.

Sandra is an artisan and owner of Native Maine Driftwood. She is a member of United Maine Craftsmen and is on their board of directors.

They are members of St. Joseph's Parish, Farmington. Their marriage was blessed February 2004 by Fr. Roger Chabot.

They have four daughters: Christine Caton-McGill and her husband Iain McGill of Whitman, Mass.; Eva K. Caton and her partner Michael Turino of Hancock, N.H.; Mojdeh McPhillips and her husband Lawrence McPhillips of Hanover Park, Ill.; and Virginia L. Dill of Dayton, Maine. Six grandchildren: Eva's daughters, Elise Caton Williams and Maggie Caton Williams, Hancock, N.H.; Mojdeh's daughter, Yasaman and son Sean, Hanover Park, Ill.; Virginia's daughters, Hannah and Sarah Dill, Dayton, Maine.

Obituaries

DEBORAH O'NEIL SMITH
Deborah O'Neil Smith, age 68, of Stevensville, Md., died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009. She was the wife of Justin E. Smith and the daughter of the late William J. and Clara Bream O'Neil.

Debbie was born on Dec. 24, 1940 and raised in Barrington, R.I. She graduated from Elmhurst Academy in Providence and attended Seton Hill College in Pennsylvania.

She and her husband lived for 25 years in Osterville, Mass., and spent summers on Cuttyhunk and winters in

Sunday River, Maine.

In addition to her husband, Debbie is survived by two children, Ryan Smith and Tarah (A.J.) Barry of Chestertown, Md., as well as her sister, Connie (Henry) Voss of Bristol, R.I., and her brothers, William (Judith) O'Neil of Middletown, R.I., and Timothy (Tricia) O'Neil of Rumford, R.I. She was also the mother of the late Kristin Bream Smith. She is survived by eight nieces and nephews.

There will be a private gathering of the family to celebrate Debbie's life.

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